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WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

Booth Mooney Gets Commission Dec. 9

Booth Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mooney of Decatur, received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States on Wednesday, December 9, at Miami Beach, Fla., according to word received here. Lieutenant Mooney was a member of Class 42-F at the Army Air Forces Candidate School at Miami Beach.

He has been assigned to duty with the Air Base Headquarters Squadron at Syracuse, N. Y.

Lieutenant Mooney was for several years connected with the Messenger. Later he worked for various newspapers and magazines over Texas. He entered the Army last July 16.



O. T. TATUM
Ensign, USNR

Boyd Youth Com. Ensign in Navy Sat.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 16.—O. T. Tatum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hass Tatum, Boyd, Texas, was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve and was designated a naval aviator at the weekly graduation ceremony held today at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi. Immediately following the ceremony, in which the graduates were addressed by Rear Admiral A. E. Montgomery, USN, commandant, Tatum and his classmates pinned on their "Navy wings," distinguishing mark of the naval aviator.

Before coming here for training, Tatum received primary instruction at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Dallas, Texas, and was transferred to Corpus Christi for intermediate and advanced training.

His training at the Naval Air Training Center here, largest in the world, included intensive ground school course covering navigation, radio code, gunnery and flight training in various types of navy planes.

Tatum is a former student of North Texas State Teachers college, Denton.

SHEPARD FIELD, Texas, Dec. 17.—Pvt. John P. Porter, son of Ira P. Porter of Decatur, has graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics and now is prepared to blast the Axis. Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the many schools in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians who maintain our bombers and fighter planes in perfect combat condition. He now is eligible to become crew chief on a bomber and to win a rating as corporal or sergeant.

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Air Forces Technical Training Command and learned to fight the Axis with other things besides the tools of his trade. Men trained by the Command are versed in the art of protection and offense as well as repair.

Corp. Claud L. Blackburn of Camp Pendleton, Calif., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blackburn.

Travis Wilhite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhite, left this week for Norfolk, Va., where he will enter the Naval Training school.

Mrs. Wilhite will move from Tyler, Texas, to Fort Worth, and reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hahson.

Pfc. R. C. Brown from Sheppard Field is visiting his wife here this week.
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Equalization Head Speaks To Lions

"There is too much money spent in Texas on education for the tax payers and officials not to make some precautionary steps within the next few months," H. E. Robinson, director of Equalization of the State department of Education told the Decatur Lions Club Wednesday at their weekly luncheon.

"Education in Texas for the duration must deal predominantly with vocational training," Robinson said. "One of the finest opportunities for this training is the nationally organized Victory Corps for school students."

Robinson appeared as guest of the Lions Club on the invitation of program director, J. A. Woodard.

Plans were completed for a Christmas party to be held in the Lions Club hall next Wednesday.

Former Decatur Girl Joins WAAC

In order that she might "be of the greatest possible help to sustain the standards of Democracy," Miss Edward Eugenia Garrison of Fort Worth and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Garrison of Decatur, has completed enlistment in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps this week.

A graduate of Decatur High School, in 1939 where she was reporter for the Homemakers club and lettered three years in volleyball, Miss Garrison has been placed in reserve and now awaits call for active duty.

Upon call to active duty, Miss Garrison will be sent to an accredited training center and upon completion of the training course will be put to work in the Army.

Lt. Stanley B. Bridges Visited In Decatur

Lt. Stanley B. Bridges, former telegrapher for the F. W. & D. Ry. Co., visited in Decatur last week, preparatory to assuming duties in transportation corps at an unidentified station. Lt. Bridges is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bridges of Boyd, Texas and attended a three month training school at Fargo, N. D.

Prior to attending the officers training school, Lt. Bridges was stationed at the Reception center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Waves Marital Status Changed For Enlistment

DALLAS, Dec. 16.—Since issuance of the executive order halting enlistments of men, more women than ever are needed for the Waves, the Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve.

Commander E. D. Walbridge, USN (Ret) District Director of Naval Officer Procurement, announced today that "since the marital requirements for Waves' enlistment and procurement has been changed, an onrush of applicants is both expected and desired."

Commander Walbridge explained that heretofore a married woman, whose husband was serving in any branch of the armed forces, was not acceptable. "That rule has been changed," he said. "A married woman may now join the Waves, even though her husband is in the service, provided that service is not the Navy or Naval Reserve. The woman's husband may be a Soldier, a Marine or a member of the Coast Guard, and the woman will still be considered for the Waves. However, if an applicant's husband is in the Navy, the Waves applicant may enlist in the Spars, the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard. This change in Waves requirements applies both to officers and enlisted personnel."

City Dads Announce Law Enforcement

The shooting of fire works within the Decatur business district, designated as Fire Limits is in violation of a City Ordinance.

All persons who warned that the Sheriff's force and the city officer will enforce this ordinance.

C. P. DODSON.

Mayor.
City Officer Charlie Workman, requests the continued co-operation of all citizens in the observance of our parking regulations. He says that many of our best citizens carelessly park their cars at an improper angle or not in the proper lines. Such practices result in confusion and less parking space for others.

Essential Transportation Assured Farmers And Truckers, Board Says

Wise County Chicken Not To Be Defeated; Stamps Egg With "V"

One of the 260 white leghorn chickens owned by Mrs. E. F. Boydston, Decatur, has the perfect idea for the final outcome of World War II.

When cleaning the eggs for market, Mrs. Boydston found one egg with a perfect "V" formed on the small end. The letter, about three-eighths of an inch high is clear in every detail with a curly end on the top of the V.

Decatur Man Given Place On Draft Board

E. F. Hornback, a veteran of World War I and prominent farmer, assumes duties this week on the Wise County Draft Board to fill the vacancy made with the resignation of A. D. Collins.

Mr. Hornback received his appointment to the local board from Gov. Coke Stevenson. Other members of the board include L. D. Kirkpatrick of Bridgeport and C. P. Dodson, mayor of Decatur.

C of C Issues Review Of Past Year's Work

A few high lights on the business and commercial situation here at the end of the year reveal that store transactions are satisfactory, otherwise business is good except in a few instances of merchants not being able to maintain their stocks complete.

However, a great assortment of holiday goods is visible in the stores, along with a surprising diversity of staple products.

A brief investigation disclosed that utility service connections have reached their maximum for all time, 600 for water and 450 for sewer service for the city; 777 electric connections for Texas Power & Light Company. Information as to gas connections were not received in time for this report.

As pertains to post office business, always a barometer indicative of the up and down of business weather, Post Master R. T. Rieger declared last year, 1941, to have recorded the largest volume of business in the history of the office, but that signs were showing at this stage of incomplete summaries for the year that the 1942 will exceed 1941 by as much as 26 per cent, a very substantial gain.

Unfortunately and fortunately, as well, vacant livable houses in Decatur for lease are scarcely available and nearly all apartments are occupied. Yet not a day passes that applications are not received at the Chamber of Commerce office for living quarters of some character. A like situation prevails as to rentable farms in the near Decatur territory, the demand for which has outstripped any previous season. Probably a hundred applications for these town and rural living conveniences have been recorded in the office during the past few months. Many homes have been found for applicants.

Wise County needs to pay a just tribute to the old Workers Progress Administration before the last rites of the organization are said and sung between now and February when it passes out of existence. We need here to give credit to this organization for the construction and erection of numerous large, substantial and worthwhile public projects in this county, numbering among them hundreds of miles of gravelled roads, school buildings.

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It's Not Cabbage They're Eating... Cows Can Now Eat Wood Cellulose As Supplement To Grain And Thrive

NOTICE TO POST OFFICE PATRONS

The general public has misunderstood the warning to mail Christmas parcels and cards early, and some are under the impression that such items could not be mailed after the date suggested, December 15. Christmas cards and parcels may be mailed at any time. However, due to the congested condition of the mails everyone contemplating mailing such items are urged to do so immediately.

For the benefit of the rural patrons of the local office, rural carriers will be on duty each afternoon until Christmas to hand out mail.

RICHARD J. RIEGER,
Postmaster.

Some people are fenced off from success by their own railing.

In order that essential transportation may continue without interruption, the Wise County War Price and Rationing Board is making every effort to complete, the issuance of supplemental fleet, official, non-highway, transport and temporary rations of gasoline by Tuesday night, December 15, Grady Woodruff, chairman of the Wise County Gasoline Ration Board, announced today.

At the same time Mr. Woodruff pointed out that the use of OPA emergency receipt Form R-555, except for emergencies involving serious threat to life, health and valuable property, is to be discontinued, effective at midnight, December 15.

This emergency provision of the gasoline rationing regulation was invoked on November 2 when it became obvious that the Board would be unable to process all applications for supplemental rations by December 1. That purpose will have been served, Mr. Woodruff said, when the Board completes the issuance of supplemental ration books.

He emphasized that the Wise County Board will continue to issue temporary transport rations to truck and fleet users of gasoline whose Certificates of War Necessity as issued by the Office of Defense Transportation contained errors, or who are appealing to the ODT for additional mileage because, as originally issued, such certificates did not allow sufficient gasoline for the certificate holder's essential business.

Mr. Woodruff called the attention of all gasoline dealers to the change in the use of the emergency receipt Form R-555 so there may be no misunderstanding or abuse of this method of obtaining emergency supplies of gasoline.

"Effective December 15, we must revert to the original purpose of that emergency ration form, and use it only where there is actually a serious threat to life, health or valuable property," he emphasized.

Industrial Sugar Users Register December 15

Registration of institutional and industrial users of sugar for their January-February allotments will begin December 15 and continue through January 5, Dr. J. L. Ward, chairman of the Wise County War Price and Rationing Board, announced today.

Institutional users will be allowed 60 per cent of the sugar base established by them—or the same allotment they were permitted during November and December. The industrial user allotment of 70 per cent also is unchanged for January and February from the amount allowed during November and December.

The only exception to the institutional allotment is that for hospitals treating patients suffering from acute illness. Such institutions are allowed 85 per cent of their sugar base, but it is expected that the greater portion will be used for patients, and that doctors, nurses, and hospital employees will be served the same quantity as persons eating in other institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin King were in Fort Worth Friday.

Mrs. Sallie Young and daughter, Frances of Fort Worth, were weekend guests of Mrs. W. J. B. Davenport.

Mrs. Berch Young of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. John Cartwright, Sunday.

FSA Officials Attend Seymour Conference

O. Ray Brown, rural supervisor of Farm Security Administration and his assistant, John Edgar McDaniel and Mrs. Uladell Boyd, home supervisor, are attending a conference at Seymour this week-end.

With 22 counties represented, the conference will study the increase of food production for war needs.

Party Planned For Extension Workers

Friends and co-workers will sponsor a farewell party for Wise County Extension officers Monday night, December 21 in the Rogers hall, west of Rogers hospital.

The party honorees, D. E. Eaton, county agent and Miss Murle Seales, home demonstration agent, complete their work in Wise County December 31 as the extension service has been discontinued for the duration.

Eaton has served the county as agent since 1935 and Miss Seales since 1941.

The Public Is Invited to Attend

Decatur High Choral Club to Give Program

Featuring seasonal music, the Decatur High School Choral club, under the direction of Miss Elouise Mauldin will present a program at the First Baptist church Wednesday at 7:30.

Selections will be rendered from the Messiah, and familiar carols. The program will be presented in connection with the devotional service at the prayer meeting hour.

Army Chaplain Speaks At Baptist Church

Capt. Arthur Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Washburn of Decatur, visited here over the week-end. Capt. Washburn is a Chaplain in the Army and is stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio. He is a graduate of Decatur Baptist college and has been pastor of several churches over Wise county and Oklahoma. He was guest speaker at the First Baptist church Sunday.

Farmers Not Required To Register For Meat Slaughtering Soon

DALLAS, Dec. 16.—Non-quota meat slaughterers—operators who kill less than 500,000 pounds per quarter—are not required to register with OPA as are operators who kill more than 500,000 pounds per quarter, regional OPA officials stated today, but all slaughterers are covered by the restriction order.

Non-quota slaughterers, as defined in the OPA order, include retail butchers and farmers, if they slaughter and deliver. The only controlled meats are from cattle, calves, sheep, lambs and swine.

Deliveries of the controlled meats by non-quota slaughterers during any quota period are limited to the amounts of each type which they delivered during the corresponding period in 1941, the base period. Non-quota slaughterers are also required to keep accurate records by quota periods. These records must show the live purchase weight and chilled dressed carcass weight of all cattle, calves, sheep, and lambs slaughtered by them and also the live purchase weight of all swine slaughtered by them.

After December 12, all unrestricted deliveries of controlled meats by non-quota slaughterers must be evidenced by certifications of delivery or other documentary proof, OPA has ruled.

This places these small operators on the same basis as the large, or "quota" slaughterers, with regard to exempt deliveries to other slaughterers, the armed services, and lease. See SLAUGHTERING—Page 6

Mr and Mrs. F. W. Trietsch Announce the Marriage of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Trietsch of Denton announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Cecelia Trietsch, to Corp. Rube Linker of Fort Morgan, Colorado, now stationed at Camp Wolters, on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 p. m. at the home of the Bride's parents.

The bride wore a tailored ice-blue dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Bradley of Denton.

Miss Trietsch is a graduate of the Slidell high school, Slidell, Texas. The young couple plan to make their home in Fort Worth.

ramblin' 'round town

WITH THE
EDITOR



Leadership, in any business, church or civic organization is the foundation of Democracy in America.

Decatur, as a typical, or even above the average American city, has an abundance of foundations and all we need is a little more co-operation perhaps on part of its citizens.

Since our arrival we have observed that in every field, churches, schools, business and civic there is a driving power that may be traced to some individual or group of individuals.

Being a member of the Lions Club we can bear witness to the foundations and review the fact that not only is the club active in weekly meetings but it is the only club in the international organization that owns a complete building. This fact was due to the foresightedness and sound business policy of its leaders, with an executive committee that took the affair seriously and accomplished a dream of all clubs.

The churches too have their foundations, not only with their pastors but the members as well. The structures of worship are of the finest construction and results shown are proof of interdenominational members.

The city organization boasts a first in size to having a full-time city manager and eliminates petty politics that is the sore thumb of smaller cities.

Schools speak for themselves. Teachers and parent join efforts to make the system a pillar of Babbal in shaping the lives of our youth.

The above is commonly called boosting but from the cradle to the grave the industrious deserve credit where credit is due.

With the coming Christmas party next week in the Lions Club we can hardly wait to see Orbin Turner starring in the role of "Santa."

We're not exactly in the Army now but Capt. Brown of the Texas Defense Guard had us thinking we were for a little while Monday. There has been a lot of ridicule in regard to the "wooden guns" carried by this organization, but 'tain so. They carry 12-gauge shotguns and an hours marching with this equipment at attention is quite a job.

That old expression, "Halt, Who Goes There," has been modernized and now reads, "Halt, Who's There." If this were the only orders a sentry has to remember the job would be a cinch. There are 10 rules you have got to remember "ver batum" and captains and majors know when you make a mistake.

The Texas Defense Guard should appeal to every male citizen in Decatur that saw the picture, "Mrs. Miniver" Wednesday and Thursday nights. The English are prepared and have repulsed the Germans only due to the spirit of the common people at home.

You armed-chair strategists can feel secure that the war news will be kinda' blue the first month of 1943 as the weather calendar brings Jan. 1 in with a forecast of stormy and so is the final day, Jan. 31. We sometimes wonder how anyone can arise at the most inopportune hours in the morning to hear the news broadcasts and complete the day far into the night listening to the same news, rehashed from news service releases.

With what little experience we have, had with daily papers and their source of international news we know that the army and navy issue their releases at a set time each day and that is all until the day after. The ramblin'—Page 2

Candle Light Service Planned By M. E.

Decatur First Baptist and Methodist churches join programs Sunday evening at 7:30 for a presentation of a Service of Candle Lighting. Featuring numbers of familiar carols, the choirs will combine from the two churches.

The public is invited to attend the program.

Two solos are scheduled with Miss Laura Ash singing "The Holy City" and another by Miss Dreta Brown. In addition a mixed quartet will sing, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The Young People's department of the Methodist church are to present a mixed quartet. The junior children's See CANDLE LIGHT—Page 2

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RAMBLIN'—

noon broadcasts each day just about carry the main load of news and all before and after is a rehearsed conversation or opinion of a commentator about current events.

Hearing from innumerable sources that Decatur was a "domino" town we have made several boasts about our powers with the ivories and not a single "champeen" has challenged the remark. Next week we will report on progress along this line.

Sycamore News

By Mrs. Bob Young

Mrs. Harold Weatherby and daughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Walker and daughter moved from Memphis last week. At present they are staying with his parents.

Mrs. Faye McDaniel entertained the Home Demonstration Club Friday with a Christmas dinner and a Christmas tree in the afternoon.

John Bob Young of Naval Training School, Great Lakes, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gage, Lavada and Merlyone were Fort Worth visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Welch returned to her home in Gainesville after spending several days with Mrs. W. W. Boyd.

Ray Burns of Shppard Field visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burns Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhine and Jack visited in the Jim Young home, Sunday.

Mrs. Nattie Schuler who has been quite ill at the home of her son, Guy, is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stephens and baby of Irving visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy and son and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hargrove



Decatur Lodge No. 447 A. F. & A. M. Meets Every 2nd and 4th Thursday Nights, 8:30 o'clock.

BLUFORD J. WALKER, W. M.

JAS. W. SMITH, Secretary

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FOR RENT OR FOR SALE—6 room modern house. Two double garages. 112 H. A. 190 feet. Lot. 1214 S. Trinity. H. T. Thelley. 51

FOR SALE—Dining room suite, G. E. cabinet radio, day bed, breakfast set, dresser, bathroom heater. 1214 S. Trinity. H. T. Thelley. 51

FOR RENT—Bedroom with private bath, conveniently located. Mrs. Hayes Dunaway. 51-11p.

HELP WANTED—Excellent opportunity for person to take over established route in Decatur. No car or investment necessary. Write J. R. Watkins Co., 75 S. W. Iowa Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 52-10p.

TO LEASE—Small building with water, wood, and other conveniences. (Bert) Walker. 51-11p.

LOST OR STRAY—A white horse, dehorned with a white blaze on Jersey. Georgia. 51-11p.

FOR SALE—A metal day bed, G. E. Cabinet Radio, and a heater. 1214 S. Trinity. 50-11p.

STRAYED—From pasture, Southeast of Decatur, one large bay horse, find or please notify Thelley Hudson, or C. T. Gettys, Decatur, Texas. 50-11p.

FOR RENT—Bed rooms, private entrance, private bath and garage. See Mrs. C. A. Burton, Messenger Office or residence phone 71.

FOR SALE—1 Team work horses ready to go. Weight about 1,400 pounds. L. A. Rames, 1 1/2 miles south east of Sunset, Texas or see me at Messenger office.

NOTICE

WANTED DEAD STOCK

Day or Night Tel. 18-2 rings. Call Collect. W. V. Cunningham, Decatur, Texas.

CHAMBER—

ings, public buildings, streets and other enterprises.

One of the last big fine accomplishments the organization directed was the intensive and wide spread search for scrap metal among the farms of the county. Working under an efficient foreman who directed the three to five truck gathering crews in the farm territory along the rural mail routes of the county the WPA found, loaded and delivered hundreds of thousands of pounds more scrap than was gathered by all the other agencies combined.

Its total volume was in excess of one million pounds. Its many weeks of campaign was directed in close cooperation with the Agricultural War Board, A. B. VanMeter, chairman, the county extension agents, both farm and home, and the County Scrap Metal Salvage committee consisting of A. B. VanMeter, Floyd Doyle and Cliff Gates, which had been appointed by County Judge Simmons.

In Wise County it was the WPA which furnished the main help to cooperate in their patriotic desire to cooperate with the government in its plea for scrap metal.

Rubber Coordinator Jeffers sent out a request from Washington for the help of counties and towns in cleaning streets and roads of nails, rock and glass or any other debris known to be destructive to rubber tires.

At Decatur the Chamber of Commerce directors responded to the call Monday night by asking Carl L. Christian, chairman of the civic committee, to direct a movement in Decatur to rid the streets of such waste. Mr. Christian probably will invite the aid of the civic zone committees appointed in the recent town-wide clean up in the effort. He no doubt will urge the help of all the people in this, still another phase of the rubber saving endeavor.

Mrs. H. H. Heathington and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Neighbors, from Taft, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Heathington in Bowie, Wednesday.

visited relatives of this community last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Young of Wichita Falls, Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Friels left Monday for Kansas City to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Murphy and other relatives.

Billie Glenn Gage of Decatur visited Merlyone Gage, Sunday.

Mrs. Velma Wilson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Bro. Watkins and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Griffith.

Mrs. Bob Young and J. L. Friels were Bridgeport visitors Monday.

Lavada and Roberta Gage of Decatur spent the weekend with home folk.



Land is 700 miles away—
BUT WHICH WAY?

When you go overboard from a sinking plane or ship, you've got to know where you are. A bad guess is your last guess.

You've got to understand sun and stars and wind and drift—if you hope to endure long days of thirst and hunger—and steer a course to safety on white sand.

Practical, applied knowledge of the kind that helps men survive the sea can also be a national life-saver on dry land.

Because America's manufacturers know how, our booming war production is the biggest in the world. Because America's

electric industry knows how, our war plants have available far more electric power than all the Axis countries combined.

And seven-eighths of all this vast supply of power is provided by the electric companies under business management. They've stepped power production up and up to meet all industrial demands. They've reduced rates so that the average American family gets twice as much electricity for its money as it did 10 to 15 years ago.

These are the accomplishments of experienced men and

women who know their business because they learned it the American way—by growing up in it and advancing on ability. These are the results of sound business management under public regulation—the system that has made America strong.

Texas Power & Light Company

INVEST IN AMERICA! BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

Alvord Farmer Markets 1,515 Pounds Pork From One Sow; War Production Plus

Piano Pupils Presented In Recital Sunday At High School Auditorium

Pupils of Mrs. J. A. Simmons were presented in a piano recital last Sunday evening in the auditorium of Decatur High School.

Those appearing on the program were: Charles Gunn, Patsy Marie Clark, Dorothy Lynn Cocanougher, Jacquelyn Shaw, Patsy Ann Paterson, Carolyn Acola, DeLaine Branch, Ralph Mann, Ann Scott Ferguson.

Anella Grace Dunaway, Johnnie Lou Gunn, Constance VanMeter, Ida Lu Smallwood, La Vaga Renshaw, Betty Jane Dodd, Gloria Busey, Aisa Jean Cox, Martha Ann Brady, Joy McCaskey, Joanne Hill and Bobby Wayne Cox.

Mrs. Bill Jernigan Gives Christmas Party

The Midway Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. W. J. Jernigan, Tuesday, December 19, for their annual Christmas party.

The house was beautifully decorated with pot plants and a lovely Christmas tree that truly displayed the Christmas spirit of the American rural woman in time of war. Gifts were lovely, yet practical.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon to 17 members and three visitors. The table was laid with a lovely linen cloth centered with a red and green cluster of native flowers. Mrs. Gene Layfield presided at the coffee table.

In the afternoon the members gathered in the living room for a short program. Each lady present was asked to quote her favorite verse of scripture. Mrs. C. B. Hoyle led the group in singing the club's favorite carol, "Silent Night." Miss Marie Seales gave a beautiful discussion on the "True Christmas Spirit." The club voted to continue extending work in 1943 with one meeting each month. The first meeting of the year will be held the second Tuesday in January in the home of the president, Mrs. Mott Clark.

Mrs. Clifford Reed, Reporter.

Dewey Davis gave Tojo and Adolph a stab in the back, when he marketed 1,515 pounds of pork from one sow last week. These pigs grew on a farm four miles east and south of Alvord.

In addition to marketing this pork, Mr. Davis has also sold \$365 worth of cream and two calves from six cows, saving four heifers to increase his herd, 715 dozen eggs from 70 hens and \$35 worth of tomatoes from one-fourth acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have not only marketed a nice surplus of foods which are badly needed in our war effort, but they are giving more attention to their family's health and food needs than ever before. The Davises have for the family's use 787 quarts of canned food, 16 bushels of potatoes and three bushels of dried beans stored, also two large meat hogs, weighing at least 700 pounds. Mr. Davis states that they have canned and stored more food than ever before. This is the first time in four years they have had hogs to butcher for family use.

Should all farm families do equally as good with producing food as the Davises have done in 1942, our food production goals for our nation will be much easier reached for 1943.

FSA is leading this family to do their part in producing food for the war effort by a more diversified system of farming.

CANDLE LIGHT—

chairs will also sing a group number. The program in order follows:

Processional Carol.

The Promise

A Prophecy

The Preparation

The Annunciation

The Magnificent

The Prophecy Fulfilled

A reading from the scriptures.

The Christmas prayer.

The Christmas Meditation—Dr. R. E. Bell, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The Service of Lights.

A prayer of dedication.

Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lynch, Jr., of Dallas, visited his father here, Sunday.

SEASON 1943

Announcing Arrival of

HEADLIGHT



This Big Fellow Has Moved to Wise

HEAD LIGHT

22,531; Sire Big Bob 29,338. This Registered Jack is now a resident of Wise County. His former home was Stillwater, Oklahoma. He has been shown 16 times and has won 15 Blue Ribbons; 1941 Reserve Champion, Oklahoma State Fair; Four time winner at Texas State Fair; Also a winner at Missouri State Fair. This is one of the greatest animals ever to be brought to Wise County. Outside engagements limited. Only a few dates remain open for coming season—\$15.00.

SIR CORDAY

227,607; Sire Hilar 166,151; Registered grey Percheron stallion, Damascus, a half brother of Sir Corday, is the winner of 66 Blue Ribbons—an unequalled record. Blood lines of this horse equal to any, anywhere—\$10.00.

JERSEY BULL

A well bred registered young bull. Name, Wonderful Beau Gold; Number 430,503. Will probably earn a big reputation; (Tested cows only).—\$4.00.

THE FUTURE FOR HORSES AND MULES

After the war it will take America many years to restock Europe. Reports say most all have been eaten. Gas prices forbid tractor use. Over there they pay for heavy stock. British already purchasing stallions (see Northern states) for afterwar delivery. Over here futur, gas exemptions for farmers is in a precarious position. If the Federal Government plasters on a heavy gasoline tax, it will mean a Legislative combat to save tractor exemptions. When the interests of urban and rural clash, it does not take two guesses to know who will get kicked in the seat of the pants. Now as never before, there is a green light for horses and mules—particularly, good ones.

HIRED HAND'S MULE RANCH

Wm. B. BARNARD, Manager

Mail address: Route Two, Decatur, Texas

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VISITORS WELCOME

Woman's Society Of Christian Service Met

Both Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Methodist church in an all-day meeting December 14.

After lunch the group sang Christmas carols, then a Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Scott Usry, Harrison and Brown.

A short business session was conducted by Mrs. VauMeter. The regular business meeting will be held at the church next Monday at 3 o'clock.

—Reporter.

Farmers Exchange

Free to Wise County Farmers

FOR SALE—1 head cows, heifers and calves, 2 head mules, 1 horse, 2 young mares, farming implements and household goods. One mile southeast Audubon, Ray Champion, Alvord, Texas.

W. C. Tractor, good mechanical condition, rubber fair, \$550.00. W. C. Lauby farm, 55 miles west of Krum, Address Krum Rt. 1.

WANTED—Some good fresh milk cows or heavy springers. W. C. Lauby Krum Rt. 2 or 5001 Drive, Dallas.

GOOD Man with family to farm on shares 50-50. Raise corn, cotton, peanuts. Bring good references. See J. W. Kidd, Rt. 2 Decatur.

REGISTERED Boar hog for service I C O. One and one-half miles west of Bethel. H. W. Davis, Rt. 3

WANTED—Good oats for sale. Also need wood cutter. W. F. Thompson, 3 miles southeast of Decatur, 550-21

FOR SALE—White Leghorn hens, 75c each. Wind charger Zenith Radio battery set, 5 tubes, \$30. J. W. McFisick.

LEASE—118 acres, 5 miles east of Bromsville, Leo Butler, Rt. 3.

FOR SALE—Teams, tools, feed, cattle and grad. A dairy barn. A. C. Ryan, Rt. 1.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Registered Jersey Bull two year old in Feb. High breeding. J. L. Myrick Bridgeport, Texas.

FOR SALE, 100 A. land adjoining Denton city limits on highway 24 all tillable land. Mrs. J. L. Myrick Bridgeport, Texas.

WANTED—To buy a used wind mill, Six miles South of Decatur, Joe Bailey Road, Glen Oates, Route 2.

FOR SALE—35 White Leghorn hens, 75c each. Mrs. J. G. Gotcher, four miles West on Alvord road.

STRAYED—From pasture Southeast of Decatur, one large bay horse, Finder please notify Tillie Hudson, or C. T. Gettys, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—Team of heavy mules, good fallers. Will work anywhere. Donald Stitt, Paradise, Texas.

FOR SALE—My farm 6 miles east of Alvord, 100 acres, 50 acres in cultivation, good 4 room house, garage, good well of water, living water, good orchard. See L. B. Murphy, Route 1, Alvord.

FOR SALE—Five good Jersey dairy cows and several heifers. See W. B. Williams, Rhone, Texas, Rt. 2.

FOR SALE—100 Angora Goats, registered, for sale or swap. T. P. O. Route 2, Decatur.

LOST—Two bay mules weighing 1000 pounds each. Last seen near Boyd Nov. 3. Reward, Mrs. Inez Wall Route 2, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Piano, Mrs. J. S. Pruitt, Rt. 4, Decatur, Texas.

WANT TO BUY—Pick-up or light truck. Joe M. Knight, Route 2, Decatur.

FOR SALE—27 stock cows, calves and hot water heater. See Mrs. L. L. Hoyl. Phone 112.

FOR SALE—One Cream separator and pigs. J. R. Branch, Decatur, Route 3.

FOR SALE—142-acre farm. Good improvements. See J. W. McKissick, on Paradise road southwest of Decatur.

WANTED TO BUY—Ten hens, 2 gobblers of the big Red type, turkeys. Mrs. Thos. H. Atkins, Slidell, Tex.

FOR SALE—12 Buff Orpington AAA hens and a rooster, \$15.00, also some White Leghorn hens. Mrs. M. LaGrone, Decatur, Rt. 3.

WANTED TO BUY—Late model Ford or Chevrolet Coupe. Good tires and in good shape. Notify Mrs. Tressie Foster, Rt. 4, Decatur, Texas.

OBITUARIES

W. F. Thompson

One more pioneer Wise County citizen laid to rest in Sand Hill cemetery. William Franklin Thompson was born in Calhoun County, Mississippi, Sept. 16, 1855 and lived to the age of 87 years, 2 months and 26 days. He came to Texas in 1883 and settled on a farm west of Decatur, where he lived until 1900, when he bought his stock farm home four miles south of Decatur, and lived there until his death.

Uncle Bill, as he was affectionately known by his many friends and relatives, was one of those rugged, honorable dependable pioneer citizens, who helped to make our county the good place it is in which to rear good families, as he did and as we do.

He was married to Miss Mary Alma Gaston in Mississippi in December, 1880 and they lived in Mississippi four years before moving to Texas. Five children were born to this union, three sons and two daughters, two sons, Robert G. and Jimmie W. and one daughter, the former Mrs. L. L. Young, all passed on several years ago. Mrs. Thompson passed to her reward in January, 1938.

Mr. Thompson was converted and united with the Methodist church at an early age and was a very active loyal member of the same. He was one of the regular campers, during the early day camp meetings at Sand Hill and also for many years a regular camper and worker at the old settlers and sundays reunion.

He departed this life at his home, four miles south of town, Friday, December 11, at 7:25 a.m.

Funeral services were held at the Sand Hill Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by pastor Rev. E. F. Lancaster, assisted by Rev. Roy Patton of Bridgeport, S. P. Farler of Valley View, Texas, Rev. Orbin Turner and Dr. J. L. Ward of Decatur.

Interment was made in Sand Hill Cemetery with his wife.

He is survived by one son, Guinn Thompson and one daughter, Miss Ella Thompson, both of Decatur, one sister, Mrs. W. W. Williams, who is his oldest daughter, 55, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The grand-children are Gaston C. Thompson of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Basil Spain, Melvin and Guinneth, of Decatur, and Mrs. L. McGee of Fort Worth.

Out of town guests were: L. W. C. Loveless, Yuma, Ariz., Air Base Yuma, Ariz.; Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Thomas, El Paso, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Will Ross, Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Havin and Edd Embury, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wayne Stewart, Mmes. Harry Mason, Henry Donaldson, Burch Young and Sallie Young, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. St. Clair, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Walter St. Clair, from Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Thompson of Atlanta, Ga.

Palbearers were: J. A. Simmons, J. L. Sellers, Bill Alexander, Bill Cates, Whorton Mann, Arthur Champion, and B. F. Terry.

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DOANS PILLS

Mrs. M. B. M. White

Minnie Bell Mitchell White was born in Greenfield, Mo., July 18, 1873, age 69. Married to William T. White in Indian Territory, what is now Woodford, Okla., about 1894.

Mother of three girls and four boys, Era Augusta Rowand, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Thomas Edward White, of Plainview, Texas; Pearl May Wismer of Plainview; William Layton White, of Raymondville, Texas; Charley Melvin White of Fresno, Calif.; Robert Berry White of Denver, Colo.; Annie Bell Ehem of Decatur. Also four step-sons, David Milbry White of Pauls Valley, Okla.; Dee Elisha White of Greenwood, Texas; John Elba White of Plainview, and the late Arthur Talmage White.

There are 39 grand-children and 23 great-grand-children.

Mrs. White with her husband and family have lived in the Forestburg and Greenwood communities, most of their married life. She has been a member of the Baptist church since she was a young lady and was a faithful active member until her health failed in recent months, after the family moved to Decatur, two years ago, she put her membership in the Fundamental Baptist church here where she held membership at the time of her death.

She departed this life, Monday, December 14 in a Decatur hospital at 12 a.m.

Funeral services were held at the Fundamental Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by pastor Rev. Loys Voss.

Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Palbearers were: Dick Bishop, Hubert Crunk, Hubert White, Chas. Tanery, Truman Bishop, and Curby McElhain.

OAK GROVE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET

The Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club met for their annual Christmas party with Mrs. Walker Graham Tuesday, December 15.

Gifts were exchanged and a luncheon was served to 11 members and three visitors.

The club voted to meet once each month next year, and the next meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde Holt, January 12.

Mrs. H. H. Linker and daughter, Judith Harper have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Solomon of Los Angeles, Calif. for the past month. Mrs. Linker was accompanied to California by her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Doak. She returned here with her aunt Mrs. Leila Hoffman of Overton who had been in California for a visit.

Card of Thanks

We want to express our appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their loving kindness and sympathy during the long illness and death of our father and grand-father and for the beautiful floral offering.

Family and relatives of W. F. Thompson.

SERVICE—

Corp. Owen T. Shaw of Camp Barkley spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shaw.

Sgt. and Mrs. Oliver Franklin have returned to their home in Mineral Wells, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gordon.

Pvt. Jerry M. Gibbon from Camp Wolters was in Decatur over the weekend.

Pfc. William E. Bastian from Camp Wolters visited his wife here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Lillard of Dallas have received word that their son has been promoted to Major.

Major James W. Lillard, Jr., is stationed at Cochran Field, Macon, Ga. He is a grand son of Mrs. J. H. Lynch of Decatur.

Pfc. Marvin Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bell, who joined the service in June, has been appointed as flight engineer on a flying fortress at Handricks Field, Florida.

Bell is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College and attended the University of Texas one year.

Petty Officer Jack Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Monroe, visited friends and relatives in Decatur over the week-end after completing several months training on battleships in the Navy. Monroe has been service in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Aleutians and Kiska Islands. He is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College.

Cpl. James W. Smith from Camp Wolters is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Sgt. Billy Joe Shults from Baton Rouge, La., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Connie Shults.

Lt. W. Carl Loveless, Army Air Base, Yuma, Ariz., visited his mother, Mrs. W. C. Loveless here Sunday.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MISSOURI BURTON, DECEASED.

Decatur, Texas, December 14th, 1942.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Missouri Burton, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1942, by the county court of Wise County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law.

My residence and post office address are P. O. Box 598, Decatur, Wise County, Texas.

F. W. BURTON, Administrator of Estate of Missouri Burton, Deceased.

The President has signed the bill lowering the selective service age to 18, but the Army is still allowing 18 and 19 year olds to choose from 11 branches of the service. Enlist now in the Army of the United States, you men of this age, while you can still choose where you will serve.

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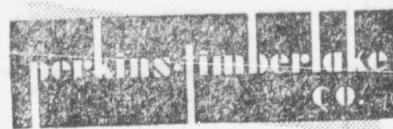
Blooming: Geraniums, Begonias, Cyclamen. Mixed pots, Poinsettias. Cut: Carnations, Gladiolus, Snapdragon, Chrysanthemums. Artificial Wreaths made of painted foliage, cones, grasses, pods, and flowers in all colors, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

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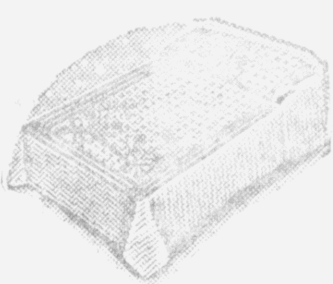
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Chenille Bed Spreads

Beautiful Pastel color combinations, Cedar Rose, Wine and Green. Size: 87x114. A practical gift for wartime giving.

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Blankets

Chatham and Pepperell's 25 per cent Rayon blankets, 72x84 size, that will please her heart more than ever this Christmas! 5-inch shimmering satin binding! 3 1/2 lb. Weight! In dusty rose, rose, blue, canary, jade, white, peach!

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MANY TRAINS WILL BE CROWDED DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

CIVILIANS ASKED TO AVOID OVERCROWDING TRAINS

"It is not easy to ask the American people not to travel at Christmas time. Many families look forward through the year to annual reunions, but I must ask that these family gatherings be postponed this year. It has become a habit for Americans to travel much to see the relatives and friends who live in other parts of the country."

—General H. H. Arnold, Chief of War Relocation Authority

Traveling during the holiday season is a time when the trains are crowded. The War Relocation Authority asks that civilians avoid overcrowding trains.

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Because of the large number of people traveling during the holiday season, the War Relocation Authority asks that civilians avoid overcrowding trains. The War Relocation Authority asks that civilians avoid overcrowding trains.

We of the Burlington appreciate your patronage and will serve you to the utmost of our ability. We do, however, join with Director Eastman in urging that for your own convenience as well as the convenience of those who must travel, you revise your plans to avoid overcrowding especially during the peak holiday period extending to January 12.

For helpful advice when making travel plans, consult

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INVEST IN U. S. WAR BONDS! IT WILL HASTEN THE DAY WHEN WE ALL CAN LIVE AND TRAVEL AS USUAL.

Local News

Mrs. Fay Singelton left for Camp Pickett in Virginia Tuesday. She will join her husband who is stationed there. Mrs. Singelton has been in the employment of Perkins-Timberlake Co.

Erma Ruth Arrington, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vernon Arrington of Decatur, died suddenly December 9. She was buried in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Jack Davenport of Texas University is spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Arnold Davenport.

Miss Pauline Wilson has resigned her position with Riegers Department Store to go into another line of work. Miss Wilson has many friends who will miss her when she leaves.

Frank Meeks is seriously ill at his daughters, Mrs. Eddie Hornbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Thompson, from Atlanta, Ga., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Ann Hinkle is working with the F.S.A. this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker from Bowie, were guests of Mrs. Melvin Crisp, Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Allen Cates, who has been ill in Rogers hospital for several days, resumed her duties as teacher in Decatur public schools Wednesday.

Mrs. Jake Gore from Lubbock underwent an appendectomy operation in Rogers hospital, Wednesday.

Mrs. Clyde Dillehay has returned from a visit with friends in McKinney and Dallas.

Miss Martha Bell Renshaw, from T. C. U., Fort Worth, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tise Renshaw over the week-end.

Mrs. Earnest Watson and son, Jerry and Mrs. J. L. Summers from Chico, were Decatur visitors, Tuesday.

Mmes. E. B. Harrison and R. M. Collins visited their daughters in N.T.S.T.C., Denton, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. V. Prunty was in Fort Worth on business Wednesday.

Mrs. H. M. Tarlton from Electra, Texas, was the guest of Mrs. F. M. Gage the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ross of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams of Mineral Wells and Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas of Ennis, Texas, were guests in the home of Mrs. W. W. Williams over the week-end.

Mrs. W. S. Parish of Dallas is visiting Mrs. Dave Reed.

Mrs. C. A. Potter and son, Charles, have returned to their home in Kermit, Texas, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maples.

Miss Ava White was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Troxell was a Fort Worth visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Hapgood has returned from an extended visit with her son, Edwin Hapgood in South Texas.

Mrs. G. F. Cobb of Dallas, visited his wife and daughter here over the week-end.

Dr. R. E. Bell and J. L. Ward were guests of the Travis Avenue Baptist church, Monday evening in Fort Worth at a vespers dinner.

Mrs. Woodrow Starnes visited her sister, Mrs. C. D. Strickland, of Henrietta the past week end.

Mrs. E. P. Cook and daughter, Annie Eloys visited relatives in Dallas over the week end.

Miss Virginia Ann Christian of Baylor University, Waco, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian.

Morlin Gage, who was admitted Tuesday to the Cooke Memorial hospital in Fort Worth for a major operation, is reported much better.

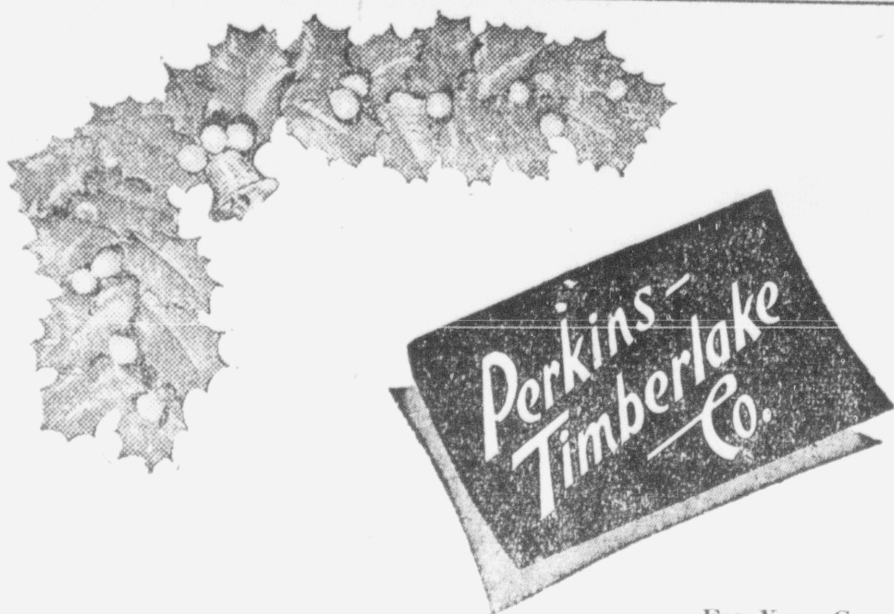
Royce Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Curtis, has received hospitalization this past week at N.T.S.T.C. in Denton, where he is a student.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maples and Miss Helen Pylatt accompanied Miss Helen Maples to Seminary Hill in Fort Worth Tuesday, where Miss Maples sang in the Messiah.

Mrs. Minnie Lou Ford has resigned from Civil Service position she held for 16 months at Quartermaster Laundry, Camp Bowie. Mrs. Ford has accepted a position at Station Hospital at Camp Bowie, Texas, beginning January 1.

Mrs. George Matheson from Clarendon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Glen Rieger.

Mmes. Raymond Goodger, Glen Arnette, Claude Cummings, Elmore Marks, Basil Spain and son, were Ft. Worth visitors Tuesday.



For Your Convenience in Christmas Shopping, We Will Remain Open Wednesday and Thursday Nites.

Santa Claus Suggests These Last Minute Suggestions, Christmas is Sneaking up on us Faster and Faster . . . There Are Only a few more days left for Shopping! So, if you Haven't Yet Completed Your Gift Hunt, Don't Delay . . . Stop in At Perkins, Timberlake Today and Make Your Selections.

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All Sizes in Fine Fabric Gloves. Browns, Blacks, Navy, Green, Red and Rust. A lovely gift for a lovely Lady.

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Gift JEWELRY

Just received new shipment of Gift Jewelry—Many designs in pins, brooches, necklaces and Bracelets.

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SPECIFIC CEILINGS SET FOR BEEF WHOLESALERS

Taking the first step in a program designed to assure more equitable distribution of the civilian beef supply, OPA set specific dollars and cents ceiling prices on all beef carcasses and wholesale cuts at the slaughterer and wholesaler level. The new order does not affect retail store prices, which still are controlled at the highest March sales levels by the General Maximum Price Regulation, nor live cattle transactions which are still without direct price control. The new wholesale ceilings are designed to reflect prices for live cattle slightly above the September, 1942, averages.

Barking dogs do not bite—while they're barking.

SLAUGHTERING

and certain others, whom the OPA meat restriction order exempts from the civilian quota plan. Heretofore, the non-quota slaughterers were not required to document these deliveries, while the large slaughterers were. OPA spokesmen pointed out that any person may kill for his own consumption without restriction.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beason, Jr., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson.

Miss Effie Hawkins visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Liles, Jr., in Bridgeport over the week-end.

Mrs. Cora Bowman attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Young in Ardmore, Okla., last Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Heathington has returned from visiting her son, Roy Heathington and family in McKinney.

Melvin Crisp, from Dallas, visited his wife here over the week-end.

Mmes. Ray Lawson and W. J. Beason were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Doc Ferguson, from Saginaw, was a Decatur visitor, Monday.

Marvin L. Keen, from Fort Sam Houston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatcher here over the week-end.

Helen Burnett will spend the Christmas holidays with her aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Richey in Edin, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Morris and family moved from Decatur to Midland the past week, where they will make their home.

Mrs. J. B. Jones and son, Martin, from Bridgeport, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green.

Mrs. Lizzze Renshaw is reported ill this week.

Mrs. Gladys Nash of Lawton, Okla. Mrs. Fred Milligan and Mrs. Splawn of Greenwood, were in Decatur on business Saturday.

Martin Douglas Barrett, from A. & M. College, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barrett.

Mmes. Frank Clay and Herb Cox were Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Clyde McCurdy from Bridgeport, was shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Parham of Dallas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Gilliland Sunday.

Mrs. O. M. Turner has been confined

in Rogers hospital since Saturday, but is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stevenson and grand-daughter, were Fort Worth visitors, Friday.

Miss Jane Hoyle from Graham, Texas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hoyle over the week-end.

Geo. T. Spears from Graham was in Decatur on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatcher were Fort Worth visitors Friday.

Miss Esther Summers visited in Little Rock, Ark., over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ferguson and daughter, Ann, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Terrell in Fort Worth, Sunday.

Mmes. J. T. Darwin, B. A. Man and Robert Sellers, were Fort Worth visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregg were in Dallas on business, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson of Dallas, Misses Ruth and Claude Mae Workman of Fort Worth, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman.

Miss DeLoys Guley from Bowie, visited Mrs. Allan Maddox, Sunday.

Misses Maybeth Robertson, Mary Margaret Dobbs and Joan Ann Boyd visited in Fort Worth Saturday.

Miss Judy Tinney visited Misses Markie and Louella Fant in Fort Worth over the week-end.

Miss Fay Cocanougher of Denton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cocanougher over the week-end.

Howard Counts of Burnet, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rieger here the past week.

Winnie Bradford was a Fort Worth visitor Friday.

Mmes. Frank Turner, F. W. Burton, and son, were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Staff Sergeant Russell T. Hicks, U. S. Army Recruiting Representative, with office located in the old Post Office building, Fort Worth, Texas, announces that all women between the ages of 21 and 44 are eligible to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Full information can be secured at the above address.